dosure (2) is adapted to be sealingly pulled back by the catch hook (12) against a seal of the housing (1).

piyot axis (11) in the closing position, has been moved beyond a straight line extending through the point of rest of the hooked end (15) on the closing edge (4) and through the guide element (9) to cause a self-locking action.

19. (Amended). The locking device according to Claim 1, which has several catch hooks (12).

<u>REMARKS</u>

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Claims 4-15 and 17 to 19 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency therein. A hand-marked copy of the amended claims, as required by Rule 121, is enclosed.

An early action on merits is respectfully requested.

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